



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 6:30pm  
Mexican American Cultural Center  
600 River Street  
Austin, Texas 78701**

**CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

*Jill Ramirez, Chair*

*Dianna Velasquez, Vice-Chair*

*Carlos Espinosa*

*Jovita Flay*

*Andrea Guerra*

*Rodolfo Jiménez*

*Carment Llanes Pulido*

*Isabel López-Aguilar*

*Teófilo Tijerina*

*Emilio Zamora*

**Approved Minutes**

Citizens wishing to speak on agenda and non-agenda related items must sign up at least ten minutes before the meeting is called to order. Citizens may speak on non-agenda items under the Citizens Communications section of the agenda. Citizens may speak on an agenda related item after a presentation on the item has been made. Citizens might not speak after City staff presentations. Speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns. Boards and Commissions follow the same rules as City Council meetings.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chair Ramirez

**Board Members in Attendance:** *Jill Ramirez, Chair, Jovita Flay, Rodolfo Jiménez, Carmen Llanes Pulido, Isabel López-Aguilar, Teófilo Tijerina, Emilio Zamora*

**Staff in Attendance:**

*Ray Baray, Chief of Staff, Marion Sanchez, Community Engagement Consultant and Staff Liaison*

**1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- a. Rudy Mendez, Ballet East
- b. Anna Maciel and Hillside, Pan American Cultural Center
- c. Luis Ordaz, Projectro Teatro
- d. Carmen James, Cine Las Americas
- e. Richard Franklin, Youth Unlimited
- f. Omar Kadir, NBNW
- g. Rick Hernandez, MACC

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Commissioner López-Aguilar motioned to approve minutes of January 25, 2017 regular scheduled meeting and February 22, 2017 regular scheduled meeting. Commissioner Jiménez seconded. Motion passed unanimous.

## **3. STAFF BRIEFING**

- a. Mr. Brion Oaks, Equity Officer, provided an update of Office of Equity Activities
- b. Marion Sanchez provided an update regarding Asian American QOLAC, African American RAC and Hispanic/Latino QOLAC meeting with liaisons
- c. Erica Leak, Manager Housing Policy and Planning, Neighborhood Housing, provided a briefing on the FY 2017-18 Annual Action Plan, the City of Austin's application to receive formula grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

## **4. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Working Group/Assignments reports:
  - i. Public participation, transparency and awareness work group: no update
  - ii. Economic Development in Latino Communities work group: no update
  - iii. Health work group: no update
  - iv. Joint Inclusion Commission: Commissioner López-Aguilar reported, Commissioners are selecting a new chair and vice-chair, introduced the newly selected LGBTQ Rep., and explained the Mayor and Council approved to form a LGBTQ Commission. Commissioners also discussed the \$250,000 funding for translations.
  - v. Commission on Seniors: no update
  - vi. Budget and Policy Priorities work group: no update
  - vii. Education work group: no update
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding the Office of Equity update: Commissioners discussed and provided feedback to Equity Officer
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding budget next steps, including scheduling future meetings, etc.: Commissioners discussed plans for budget next steps

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding the FY 2017-18 Annual Action Plan, the City of Austin's application to receive formula grants from the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development: Commissioners discussed and gave feedback
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding Asian American QOLAC, African American RAC and Hispanic/Latino QOLAC meeting with the liaisons representing the Advisory Commissions: Commissioners discussed and gave feedback
- c. Community events and brief community information sharing

- i. Commissioners celebrated that Chair Ramirez was honored on March 8, 2017 induction of the Austin Women's Hall of Fame.

## 6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

*Note: This section of the agenda gives the members an opportunity to request items for future agendas. By City ordinance, two board members are required to sponsor an item. Staff should assume that if there is no objection from other members expressed at the meeting, the members' silence indicates approval for staff to include on the next agenda*

### ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner López-Aguilar motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm. Commissioner Tijerina seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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